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1. FOLLOWING IS FOLLOWUP TO REFTEL RE MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL.

 $2.\ QUOTE\ (60)\ CONFIDENTIAL\ SPECIAL\ CROP\ REPORT,\ FAO\ EARLY\ WARNING\ SYS$

TEM, OUR SAHEL FOOD AND CROP SITUATION 1977 REPORT NO. 2 SENT ON 16 AUGUST REPORTED THAT DROUGHT CONDITIONS PREVAILED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE MAURITANIA. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED RAINFALL INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST DECADE OF AUGUST. EXCEPT FOR NEMA WHICH REPORTED FIVE MILLIMETERS NO RAINFALL WAS REPORTED DURING THE DECADE. IT CAN BE STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO RAINFALL IN MAURITANIA DURING THE CURRENT AGRICULTURAL SEASON. ALMOST THE ENTIRE COUNTRY CONFIDENTIAL

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IS SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT. PASTURES AND PLANTINGS OF RAINFED CROPS ARE LIKELY TO BE SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED.

3. QUOTE (61) SENEGAL. OVERAL CROP CONDITIONS ARE CRITICAL. RAINFALL TA FOR THE FIRST DECADE OF AUGUST INDICATE THE PERSISTENCE OF DRY WEATHER IN NORTHERN AREAS AND EXTREMELY BELOW AVERAGE RAINS IN THE SOUTH AFFECTING THE MAIN GRAIN PRODUCING REGIONS OF SENEGAL. SOIL MOISTURE RESERVES IN SOUTHERN AREAS (ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 30 PER-

CENT OF TOTAL GRAIN OUTPUT IN NORMAL YEARS) HOWEVER APPEAR STILL SUFFICIENT FOR PLANT REQUIREMENTS WHILE CROP FAILURES ARE LIKELY IN OTHER AREAS. UNQUOTE.HOLMES

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